

Academic Chemistry

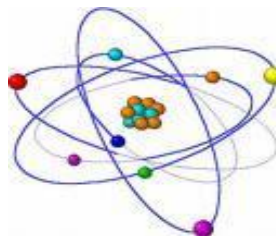
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Course Description: Welcome to Academic Chemistry! Academic Chemistry is designed to provide students with concepts needed to develop a firm understanding of chemistry principles. In addition, technology, inquiry, and problem solving will be implemented to help future college students further succeed in their science classes. Concepts will also be related to real life situations in order to facilitate higher-level thinking. You will have to apply everything you have learned. A variety of learning methods will be utilized, including cooperative group work, reading assignments, student projects, presentations, lectures/discussions, individual assignments, and practicals.

During this semester Chapters 1 through 19 will be covered. Students are required to complete a significant amount of studying outside of class. Demonstrations and laboratory experiments will be performed to supplement material covered in the textbook.

#### Materials:

These are necessary to be successful in chemistry; therefore, they must be brought to class daily.

- 2 or 3 inch binder with notebook paper
- Pencil
- Pens
- Scientific calculator
- Lab Notebook (Hard cover composition notebook)
- Flash drive

#### Evaluation and Grading:

Your course grade for the marking period will be calculated by the following percentages: 70% summative assignments, 20% formative assignments, and 10% nonacademic factors. Tests are usually worth 100 points and quizzes are usually worth 30 points. Grades will not be rounded at the end of the quarter and semester. It is important to try your best everyday!

All assignments must be handed in on the due date. No credit will be given to work that is late.

Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in a zero for the assignment. This includes sharing answers, copying, saying work is not completed when it actually is not done, etc.

#### Homework:

Homework is practice for the assessments. It is typically accumulates to 50 to 100 points per marking period, which would be equivalent to one test grade. There might not be a written assignment every night; however, at least 20 minutes each evening should be dedicated to reading over notes taken in class and reading the textbook as a supplement to the material presented in class each day. Students are expected to check my website everyday for homework assignments even if you are absent. The homework is due upon return.

#### Absences:

All work must be made up in a reasonable time not to exceed 3 days (except for certain circumstances). Also, if you are absent, you are required to check my website for class agenda and homework. If you know you are going to be absent in advance, you are expected to get the work you need BEFORE the expected absence. Chronic absences from labs negatively impact your grade.

#### Expectations:

1. Be prepared
2. Be respectful
3. Be on time
4. Be safe in the Laboratory

There is Absolutely NO EATING or DRINKING in the lab.